Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—It is stated that the people of Vallanghi cremate their dead bodies on the Gudalur river side. But are people allowed to bury the dead bodies on porambokes and on the sides of the rivers?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Yes; river sides are sacred for the Hindus and some special places are selected for that on the river side.

Payment of Grant to Aided Schools.

38. Mr. K. G. Nayar .—(a) Are all the aided schools in the State given grants by the Government;

(b) are such grants given in a lump sum to the Managers or the Headmasters concerned;

(c) whether all the teachers benefit by such grants to the same extent as intended by the Government?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) No. A few are not given grant.

(b) Only Sanskrit and Industrial Schools are given lump sum grant. Grant of all kinds is paid to the Managers and Headmaster-Managers of Schools and not to the Headmasters.

(c) Generally yes.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—(c). May I know whether the attention of Director of Public Instruction has been drawn to some specific instances where that 'yes' has been in some cases 'no'?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Sir, it is because of the existence of such cases that the answer was given as 'generally yes'. There were certain complaints. They were enquired into and disposed of.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—(a). May I know how the schools that were not given grant came to be called 'aided schools'.

Mr. I. N. Menn.—That is only a slip.

Ankle ring worn by convicts.

39. Mr. K. G. Nayar.—(a) Is there any ankle ring worn by all the convicts;

(b) what is the necessity for it;

(c) what harm is there if prisoners remain without the same?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) All the convicts do not wear ankle rings. Only prisoners sentenced to rigorous imprisonment are required to wear them.

(b) It is intended to distinguish rigorous imprisonment prisoners from those sentenced to undergo simple imprisonment.

(c) Vide answer to sub-division (b).

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Mr. K. G. Nayar.—(b). Cannot the Government devise some other means than this to distinguish these two classes of prisoners?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government have not considered it till now.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Was the attention of the Government drawn to this fact by the Jail Committee which was appointed by the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Does the Government think that ankle ring is an absolute necessity in such cases?

President.—It is a matter of opinion.

Ward boys in the Jail Hospital.

40. **Mr. K. G. Nayar.**—(a). Are ther e ward boys attached to the dispensary located within the Central Jail;

(b) who is now doing the work done by ward boys in the Hospitals and Dispensaries in general;

(c) whether such convicts while dressing patients handle surgical instruments and poisonous stuff?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—

(a) No

(b) Reliable convicts.

(c) No.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—(b). May I know whether these reliable convicts have had anything to do in the hospital previous to their conviction?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I should think no.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Is it safe to entrust such people with the dressing of wounds on the prisoners or convicts in the Jail?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They are not allowed to do the work themselves. They are properly supervised by competent persons.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Can the Government substitute one or two boys in place of these convicts to do such work?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I can only say that the Member's suggestion will be noted.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Are these ward boys properly doing the work now? Were there any complaints?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Not to our knowledge.

Scheme for making the Jail self-supporting.

41. **Mr. K. G. Nayar.**—What is the sort of work turned out by the convicts;

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